



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2567

presidential preference election; appropriation; repeal.

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gowan, LD 14

DP Committee on Appropriations

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OVERVIEW

HB 2567 repeals the Presidential Preference Election (PPE) and appropriates \$6,096,767 from the state General Fund (GF) to the Secretary of State (SOS) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 for the purpose of reimbursing expenses incurred by counties for administration of the 2016 PPE.

PROVISIONS

1. Repeals the PPE.
2. Appropriates \$6,096,767 from the GF to the SOS in FY 2016 for the purpose of reimbursing expenses incurred by counties for administration of the 2016 PPE.
3. Requires the SOS to reimburse counties based on the number of active voters in that county on January 1, 2016, as follows:
 - a. For counties with an official active voter registration total of 450,000 persons or more, the amount of the actual expenses incurred up to the amount of the estimated cost that was provided by the county to the SOS by October 30, 2015, or \$2.50 per registered voter, whichever is less.
 - b. For counties with an official active voter registration total of 35,000 to 449,999 persons, the amount of the actual expenses incurred up to the amount of the estimated cost that was provided by the county to the SOS by October 30, 2015, or \$3.00 per active registered voter, whichever is less.
 - c. For counties with an official active voter registration total of 34,999 persons or less, the amount of the actual expenses incurred up to the amount of the estimated cost that was provided by the county to the SOS by October 30, 2015, or \$3.50 per registered voter, whichever is less.
4. Requires a county to submit its certified claims to the SOS no later than June 1, 2016.
5. Prohibits, if reimbursing for actual expenses, the SOS from reimbursing counties for the following:
 - a. Regular pay and associated employer related expenses for permanent county employees.
 - b. Maintenance of infrastructure, machinery and equipment.
 - c. Any expenditure that is not reimbursable as prescribed by the State of Arizona Accounting Manual in effect on January 1, 2016.
6. Requires the SOS to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting regarding reimbursements by October 1, 2016.

7. Requires, on completion of a political party national convention and the nomination of its candidates for President and Vice President, the chairman of the national political party to provide the following to the SOS by September 1 in the presidential election year:
 - a. Each nominee's name, residence address and mailing address.
 - b. The name of the political party that nominated the nominees.
 - c. The exact manner for printing the nominees' names on the ballot.
8. Exempts political party nominees for President and Vice President from statute pertaining to compliance with primary election law as prerequisite to printing names on the ballot.
9. Makes technical and conforming changes.

CURRENT LAW

A.R.S. Title 16, Chapter 2, Article 4 provides for a PPE to be held on the Tuesday immediately following March 15 of each year in which the President of the United States is elected. Only registered voters with a participating political party may vote in a PPE and no other election may appear on the same ballot.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The 2016 PPE is scheduled to take place on March 22, 2016, with the Republican, Democratic and Green Parties participating.